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44TH ANNIVERSARY . . . Members of the Rotary Club of Torrance this week celebrated the 44th anniversary of the club. A number of past presidents and two charter members were on hand for the celebration. Show here are (seated, from left) Fav L. Parks, Charles ver Jones, John Schmidt, and John Tweedy, and (standing, from left) Jack N. Dabbs, Leonard Ensinger, Dr. Joseph P. Bay, re-

tired Municipal Court Judge Donald Armstrong, John Ebbinghouse, Hugh J. Sherfy, Don L. Meyer, Don Hyde, and Dr. George Porter. Dr. Porter and Jones were charter members of the club and Jones served as president in 1936. Other former presidents include Parks, Schmidt, Tweedy, Armstrong, Ensinger, and Hyde.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Board Objects to Charter Changes

Nixon Victor In City



WINS GRANT . . . Paul Hauck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adlai Hauck of 1310 S. Geotruda, Redondo Beach, has been awarded a Masonic scholarship to Acacia Fraternity at UCLA. A zoology major, Hauck plans to enter medical school. He is a 1968 graduate of Redondo Union High School.

President-elect Richard M. Nixon and his running mate, Maryland Governor Spiro T. Agnew, carried Torrance by some 12,000 votes in balloting here Tuesday.

Torrance voters also gave defeated U. S. Senate candidate Dr. Max Rafferty a hefty majority over Alan Cranston; defeated Proposition 1-A; and narrowly defeated Proposition 9.

A total of 53,019 ballots were cast in Presidential voting in Torrance. Nixon-Agnew polled 30,306 to 18,003 for Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Senator Edmund S. Muskie. George Wallace received 4,006 votes. There were 97 votes for the Peace and Freedom Party.

IN THE balloting for a new U. S. Senator, Dr. Rafferty received 30,244 votes and Cranston polled 21,232 votes in Torrance. Peace and Freedom candidate Paul Jacobs got 557 votes in the city.

Proposition 1-A was defeated by Torrance voters, 30,578 to 18,990, and Proposition 9 was turned down, 27,529 to 23,212.

A city-by-city check of Presidential returns in this area showed the Nixon-Agnew team carried Gardena, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates. Humphrey carried Carson, Lawndale, and the city of Los Angeles.

FOLLOWING is a breakdown for President in area cities for the three major candidates:

TORRANCE	
Nixon	30,306
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Provisions for Elections Come Under Attack

By NATALIE HALL
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Stern criticisms of the proposed Torrance City Charter were expressed by Board of Education members Wednesday when they met with members of the Charter Review Committee.

The five-member school board concentrated its objections on provisions dealing specifically with the board, namely:

- City Council appointments to fill school board vacancies between elections;
- Combining City Council and Board of Education elections;
- Setting board pay at \$10 per meeting;
- Failure to limit the number of board terms a member may serve;
- The method of selection of the school board;
- Allowing the City Council to change election procedures by simple ordinance; and
- Expanding the school board to seven members.

Board member Polly Watts raised objections to a clause giving city councilmen the right to change election procedures by ordinance. She said this defeated the purpose of having an organic law at the foundation of government which cannot be readily altered.

Totals for the current year are 50 per cent ahead of the 10-month figures for 1967, according to a report issued by the city's building and safety department.

During the first 10 months of 1967, permits valued at nearly \$24.4 million were issued by the city. Figures for the same period of the current year add up to \$36,499,825.

LARGEST of the 229 permits issued during October went to Little Company of Mary Hospital. It provides for additions and alterations to the hospital pegged at \$700,000.

Residential construction accounted for the largest share of permits issued during October, it was noted. Twenty-five permits were issued for new single family homes. A total of 19 new units will be built at an estimated value of \$470,635.

Two permits providing for 53 new apartment units also were issued during the month. The combined valuation of the two permits was \$709,420.

IN ADDITION, 22 permits for the demolition of structures in the city were issued. Most of the permits went to the city of Torrance for the removal of buildings in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project area.

Among major permits issued was one valued at \$95,000 for the construction of a new North Torrance Post Office sub-station at 18080 Crenshaw Blvd.

Council and Board of Education elections. Board members commented that a separate board election brings out only those voters who are particularly interested in the board, as opposed to a general election when many voters turn out "just to vote yes or no."

Board members also pointed out that school board candidates now spend much less on their campaigns than council candidates do. A combination of the elections might tend to force board candidates to shell out more money, they claimed.

MRS. WATTS said many of the city's most capable citizens don't want to expend time and money on such a campaign.

Trustees also criticized the idea of having a primary election for board candidates, for the same reasons.

"Why change the present method of selecting board members?" asked board member Burton E. Belzer, noted industrialist. Belzer said the current method works well and there is no reason to change it.

BOARD member Bert M. Lynn summarized the thoughts of several board members when he objected to the provision that the City Council should fill any vacancy on the board if the board members themselves failed to make an appointment within 60 days.

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Postal Services Day . . .

Friday, Nov. 15, will be observed in Torrance as "Postal Services Day." Postmaster Carl L. Backlund said today. In observance of the annual event, the Torrance Post Office, 2510 Monterey St., will hold open house. Tours through the facility will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with departures scheduled on the hour. Backlund said the observance is being held to demonstrate the contributions of the post office to the community and to point out the public "the assistance we in the postal service need from the public to continue a high quality of mail service."

Shot Wounds Suspect . . .

A Torrance man fired three shots at a would-be burglar early this morning, inflicting a minor flesh wound. A short time later, police picked up Timothy Vern Moehler, 18, who was treated at Harbor General Hospital before being jailed. Don H. Van Valkenburg of 3711 W. 230th St., Apt. 125, told police he found the youth tampering with his car at 5:30 a.m. and chased him away with a .22-caliber rifle. After firing a warning shot, Van Valkenburg winged the suspect in the leg.

Council Meets Tonight . . .

Torrance City Councilmen will hold their regular meeting this evening at 5:30 p.m., following a Council Goals Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. No meeting was held Tuesday of this week due to the General Election. Next Tuesday, however, the council will meet as usual at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Nixon and Cranston Win Mock Election

As the 18-year-old goes, so goes the nation.

Or so it would seem from results of a venture to the polls by senior government students at Torrance High School on election day.

Students elected Richard Nixon and Alan Cranston and defeated rapid transit and Proposition 9 as they climaxed a six-week study of candidates and issues in a pilot program, "Rehearsal for Democracy," conducted in conjunction with the Torrance League of Women Voters.

Nixon racked up 205 votes compared to Hubert H. Humphrey's 153 and George C. Wallace's 33 among the students. Write-in votes went to Eugene McCarthy, Pat Paulson, and principal Dr. Carl Ahee.

CRANSTON beat Dr. Max Rafferty in a 229 to 152 vote contest. Only write-in for the senatorial spot was the name of government teacher Mrs. Pat Wright.

In other voting, Joe

Blatchford defeated Glenn Anderson for the 17th Congressional District in the high school balloting. State Senator Robert S. Stevens defeated Joe Reichmann for the 25th state senatorial seat. Robert G. Beverly was named 46th assemblyman over James Roberts, and L. E. (Larry) Townsend was returned as 67th assemblyman as he scored against Fred Fredericks.

Ballot measures which received student endorsement included: Proposition 1, Constitutional revision; Proposition 3, bonds for college facilities; Proposition 5, hospital loans; Proposition 7, use of state funds for local purposes; Proposition 1A, homeowners property tax exemption; Proposition B, bonds for juvenile detention facilities; and Proposition T, continuation of the maximum rate for the Torrance Unified School District.

DEFEATED by the students were: Proposition 2,

taxation of publicly owned property; Proposition 4, income tax reporting; Proposition 6, insurance gross premium tax; Proposition 8, apportionment of sales and use tax; Proposition 9, the Watson initiative; and Proposition A, rapid transit.

As for whether or not they think 18-year-olds should be legally permitted to vote, the senior government students agreed overwhelmingly, racking up 275 yes votes as opposed to 114 no votes on the special ballot measure.

Manning the voting booths for the mock election were members of the Torrance League of Women Voters and the Torrance Woman's Club.

"The election is especially important," stated Mrs. William Birdsall, voters service chairman for the league, "because it was a trial run. These students are the people who will be voting in the next presidential election."

Final Returns

Following are complete, semi-official returns from Tuesday's balloting for races of local interest:

Congressional

17th District	
Anderson (D)	75,778
Blatchford (R)	72,067
Dobbs (PF)	1,700

28th District	
Bell (R) Inc.	169,911
Pearl (PF)	4,536
Pratt (D)	64,035

State Senate

25th District	
Stevens (R) Inc.	143,968
Dowd (AI)	3,684
Haag (PF)	4,796
Reichmann (D)	68,431

State Assembly

46th District	
Beverly (R) Inc.	80,810
Dowd (AI)	2,463
Roberts (D)	26,144

67th District	
Townsend (D) Inc.	39,396
Fredericks (R)	33,096
McDonald (AD)	1,432

68th District	
Thomas (D) Inc.	40,083
Anno (AI)	1,774
Lookinland (R)	22,264

Proposition T

Yes	36,626
No	13,622

Battlefield Care Is Subject of Address

"Doctor in Vietnam" and "Battlefield Care of the Wounded in Vietnam," will be subjects of an address by Dr. Ward L. Jones, a resident in anesthesiology at Harbor General Hospital, Mrs. Grace Lorhan, auxil-

ary president, announced today.

He will be the featured speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the auxiliary, a unit of the hospital's Volunteer Services Department.

Dr. Jones' address will begin at 1 p.m. in the hospital assembly room at 1000 W. Carson St. It will follow a brief business session and is open to the general public, as well as to hospital personnel.

Dr. Jones, recently returned from a year's tour of duty as a captain in the Army Medical Corps in Vietnam. His primary mission was caring for American wounded on the battlefield. Dr. Jones was awarded the Silver Star, one of the nation's highest honors, for heroism in caring for the wounded while under fire.

Burn Victim Still Critical

Seventeen-year-old Pamela Fischer of Torrance, who nearly lost her life in a traffic collision Monday, remains in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

The victim's father, Lieutenant Hymen (Mickey) Fischer of the Torrance Police Department, said his daughter is expected to live, although she will spend 3 to 4 months in the hospital.



INDUCT MEMBER . . . Pete Whitney (center), newest member of the Torrance Jaycees, is inducted into the organization by Rob Reifschneider (left), president of the California Jaycees, and Dick Randolph, U. S. Jaycee vice president assigned to California. The induction ceremony was conducted at Long Beach Airport and was one of several "fly-in" induction ceremonies conducted throughout the nation.